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IN RE APPLICATION OF : DATE ALLOWED: JANUARY 14, 2008
TAKANORI NISHIMURA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: MEUCCI, MICHAEL D.
SERIAL NO: 09/930,135 :
FILED: AUGUST 16, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2142
FOR: CONTENT DISTRIBUTION :
NOTIFICATION METHOD,
RESERVATION CONTROL APPARATUS
AND PROGRAM STORAGE MEDIUM

COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

The Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, appearing on pages 2-4 of the Notice of Allowability (PTOL-37) mailed on January 14, 2008, fails to distinguish between the recitations set forth in independent Claims 1, 9, and 27 and the claims that depend thereon. More specifically, the examiner's reasons for allowance appearing on line 4 of page 2 through line 10 of page 4 of the Notice of Allowability broadly implies that all of the claims recite the content distribution notification method set forth in independent Claim 1 and Claims 2-5, 7, 8, 18 and 19 that depend thereon.

In this regard, independent Claim 9 and Claims 10-13, 15, 16, 20 and 21 that depend thereon recite a reservation control apparatus for controlling reservations of live content distribution while independent Claim 27 recites a computer readable medium storing a program therein.

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Accordingly, the examiner's reasons for allowance only apply to independent Claim 1 and the claims that depend thereon and do not apply to independent Claims 9 and 27 and the claims that depend thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

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